

REMARKS

The Examiner indicated that claims 1-15 and 17-36 were pending in this application. Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's indication that claims 18-33 are allowable. However, claims 24-25 had previously been canceled without prejudice in a prior amendment. In this amendment, Applicant has canceled claims 1-15, 17, and 34-36. Claim 16 had been previously canceled as well. Thus, upon entry of this amendment, claims 18-23 and 26-33 will remain in this application. Applicant believes that by canceling the rejected claims 1, 35, and 36 as well as previously withdrawn claims, that this application is in condition for allowance and that this after final thus amendment should be entered. Applicant has carefully reviewed the arguments presented in the Office Action and respectfully requests reconsideration of the claims in view of the remarks presented below.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Examiner rejected claims 1 and 18-33 as being indefinite in relation to how the slot identifiers are unique. Claim 1 has been canceled without prejudice so this rejection as to that claim has been rendered moot. Claims 24-25 were previously canceled in an earlier amendment and thus this rejection as to those claims is moot as well. Concerning claim 18 and its dependent claims 19-23 and 26-33, as explained at page 23, ll. 4-15, page 25, ll. 11-19, page 26, ll. 12-17, page 29, ll. 4-7 of the specification and FIG. 15, the term "unique slot identifier" as used in the preamble and the body of claim 18 refers to the individual identifiers for each slot 294 of the CD changer that may be, for example, numbered in ascending order. The display 296 indicates the present disc being accessed and its position that would correspond with the unique slot identifier. Simply put, each slot may include a single disc such that each disc is associated with a particular slot. By referring to the associated indicia 52 next the selected CD title 50 in the display album, the user can move directly to the desired slot in

which the selected CD is stored because associated indicia matches or otherwise correlates to the unique slot identifier. The term "unique" is relative among the set of slot identifiers. That is, each slot identifier is distinct from each other slot identifier. For many CD changers this simply means that each slot is numbered in order from 1 to the last numbered slot. Other unique identifiers such as alphabetical or alphanumeric symbols could be used as well. From the foregoing, Applicant submits that the term "unique" in conjunction with "slot identifiers" is definite and that this rejection should be removed.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claim 35 was rejected by the Examiner as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,632,042 to Liener Chin et al. Applicant has canceled claim 35 without prejudice and submits that this rejection is moot and should be removed.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claim 1 was rejected as unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,632,042 to Liener Chin et al as modified by U.S. Patent No. 3,837,104 to Brotschi in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,136,562 to Staar and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,265,043 to Vinyard et al. Claim 36 was rejected as unpatentable over the Liener Chin patent in view of the Vinyard patent and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,135,662 to Bakke et al. Applicant has canceled claims 1 and 36 without prejudice and submits that this rejection is also moot and should be removed as well.

Applicant believes that no additional fees are due. However, if any additional fee is required, authorization to charge Account No. 21-0800 is granted; likewise, any overcharge may be credited to the same account.

Should any questions arise, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the earliest convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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